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Price Gouging Experience:

[REDACTED] in our area refuses to see patients without insurance because they would rather them owe \$140,000.00 to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] for something as simple as a breathing treatment for a child in respiratory distress. I would have only owed [REDACTED] around \$10,000.00 at the most for my son's treatment when he was [REDACTED], but they chose to [REDACTED] him to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] instead because they were afraid we did not have insurance. The price of treatment at a doctor's office or hospital here in Florida is disgusting and pure price gauging, and seems to only be rising. There MUST be control on this industry. My family cannot afford insurance either through work or the marketplace because it is so costly. I live with my parents because we would have absolutely no hope of a decent life for our child if we did not. Lower healthcare, raise wages, and hopefully people will be able to afford housing, clothing, food, etc. The current state of things here is disgusting. I plan to move back to the [REDACTED] as soon as I can afford it for this reason.